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1970

# Seventy-Fifth Anniversary

of the

Bardo Lutheran Congregation

of

TOFIELD, ALBERTA



FRIDAY, JULY 24 – SUNDAY, JULY 26

1970

# Preface

Seventy-five years of work, rich in blessings intermingled with accomplishments, happiness and sadness are being celebrated by the Bardo congregation of Tofield as it meets for its Seventy-fifth Anniversary.

We wish first of all to thank God for his many mercies and for his blessings upon this congregation and community. We wish also to honor the memory of the pioneers, whose deep concern and faith, whose prayers, sacrifices and visions laid the foundation for this congregation and church.

To all former members, pastors and visiting friends, we wish a hearty welcome as you participate with us in this Anniversary. May this be a time of re-dedication of our hearts to Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord.

Finally, we ask for God's continued guidance and for the outpouring of His Spirit upon our church, our people and community. May we accept God's challenge and at all times be willing to witness for Him.

## Anniversary Hymn

### ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME!

1. All hail the power of Jesus' Name!  
Let angels prostrate fall,  
Bring forth the royal diadem,  
And crown him, crown him, crown him,  
Crown him Lord of all.
2. Crown him, ye martyrs of your God  
Who from his altar call;  
Extol the Stem of Jesse's rod,  
And crown him, crown him, crown him,  
Crown him Lord of all.
3. Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,  
Ye ransomed of the fall,  
Hail him who saves you by his grace,  
And crown him Lord of all.
4. Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget  
The wormwood and the gall,  
To, spread your trophies at his feet,  
And crown him Lord of all.
5. Let every kindred, every tribe,  
On this terrestrial ball,  
To him all majesty ascribe,  
And crown him Lord of all.
6. O that with yonder sacred throng  
We at his feet may fall;  
We'll join the everlasting son  
And crown him Lord of all.



## HISTORICAL SKETCH OF BARDO CONGREGATION - 1970

The settling of the Bardo community in Central Alberta, Canada, began in 1894, but the location had been investigated the previous year.

Most of the original Norse settlers of this community who immigrated here in the mid-nineties, came from Crookston, Minnesota, or nearby. However, a few years later a great number of settlers came direct from Bardo, Norway.

The reasons for settling in Central Alberta were many and varied, but the most important one was the available free land of good quality and enough of it for a colony.

The first four settlers arrived in May, 1894. They were Martin Finseth, P. B. Anderson, John Lerbekmo and Nels Jevning. During the summer and fall their families arrived and with them came the aged Pastor Bersvend Anderson who had been asked to come along and be their minister. Thus, on the first Sunday after his arrival on November 3, 1894, he conducted the first Norwegian Lutheran service in the Canadian Northwest.

During the first winter, services were held from house to house. A regular congregational meeting was called for on May 23, 1895, at the Nels Jevning home, and all who wished to become members signed a charter forming the Norden Lutheran Church. These members were Bersvend Anderson, Peter B. Anderson and family, Martin Finseth and family, Nels S. Mosland, George Bruass, Nels Jevning and family, Simon P. Simonson and family, Peter Oas, Johan Jevning, Peder S. Moen and family, Halvor Haugen and family, Olaf M. Jevning, Lars Johnson and family, Tollef Carlson and family, Peder Jevning and family, and Johannes Johnson and family. From this group Martin Finseth was elected as their first chairman and P. B. Anderson as their first secretary, with election of officers to follow at the annual meeting in the fall.

From this group who joined as charter members with their parents and still living are: Missionary Palmer Anderson of Minneapolis, son of P.B. Anderson; Hilmer Johnson, son of Johannes Johnson; Dan Simonson, Edmonton, and Mrs. Mamie Fuglem, Hughenden, son and daughter of Simon P. Simonson; Mrs. Amanda Haugen and Selmer Johnson of La Glace, children of Lars Johnson; and Mrs. Marit Horte, daughter of Halvor Haugen.

After the school house was built in 1898, it became the regular gathering place for all services and other meetings. The cemetery was chosen kitty corner across the road from the old school and therefore laid more than one mile north of where the future church was built.

Members of the congregation longed for the time when they could worship in their own church. Some wanted to build the church in the north part of the community, others towards the south. However, Asbjorn Moen donated a site in the central part of the community where the first church was built. The men cut and sawed the logs into lumber; finishing lumber was hauled from Camrose. The Ladies' Aid helped to install the furnace and other fixtures and also made it possible to hire a contractor to help with the building. The Thimble Club provided an organ and Bersvend Anderson made the first altar.

The church was dedicated August 6, 1908. "What an eventful day that must have been."

At the annual meeting in the fall of 1908, the name "Norden" was changed to "Bardo." At this same meeting, missionary Rev. H. N. Ronning of China, who had settled in Bardo with his family, joined the congregation. Although he never served as its minister, he often preached in the church and he used his influence for much good.

In 1921, the church was struck by lightning and burned down. No insurance was carried and only the interior furnishings were rescued. Now the congregation had to gather in the school house again. With the help of the Ladies' Aid and personal gifts, the Church Fund reached \$2,500.00 within three months. A little over a year after the fire, the first service was held in the new church.

When the church was dedicated in 1926, both men and women, young people, and children alike rejoiced as they viewed the results of their labor—the completion of the second church in their midst.

The congregation continued to worship and flourish in the little church nestled beside the creek. Various modern conveniences were added to the building and the people were happy and blessed with the ministry of God's gospel. Then with dramatic suddenness, Aug. 27, 1965, everything came to an end when lightning again struck and the church was burned to the ground. Residents of the area quickly arrived on the scene and saved most of the furnishings. These were brought to the Community Centre where services were held continuously to Nov. 1967.

One of the greatest decisions that faced the congregation was whether to rebuild at the present site or rebuild in the town of Tofield a distance of eight miles. On September 14, 1966, at a meeting of the congregation, a vote was taken and a clear majority voted in favor of rebuilding in Tofield. It was felt that by moving into town the church would have a greater outreach in spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

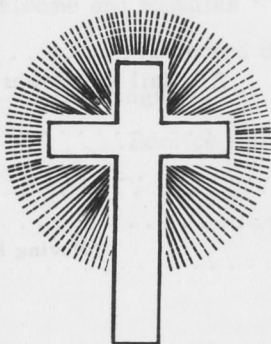
On May 28, 1967, the ground-breaking ceremonies were held and on June 12 the excavation for the basement began, then on November 19, 1967, the new church was dedicated with Dr. S. T. Jacobson officiating. The size of the new church was 72' x 34' and built with frame and stucco finish and with a brick front. There is also a full basement. Total cost of the church was \$40,700.00, including volunteer labour. Twenty thousand dollars of insurance helped to pay part of the building and after many generous gifts from friends and members, only a \$6,000.00 loan had to be taken out to finish the building and now three years later this loan has been paid off.

It felt strange at first to leave our community for worship, but soon the joy of receiving new members and being able to bring the message to a larger congregation brought happiness and satisfaction to the members.

The church was built while the parish was vacant and 6 months after the dedication, Pastor Oscar Lokken accepted the call to the Kingman Parish. With the coming to Pastor Lokken the work has gone forward under his untiring efforts, already two adult confirmation classes have completed their studies and we look forward to a further outreach in our community

# PASTORS Who have Faithfully Served the Congregation

Bersvend Anderson. . . . .	1894 - 1902
A. E. Hanson. . . . .	1902 - 1904
Bersvend Anderson. . . . .	1904 - 1906
T. T. Carlson. . . . .	1906 - 1909
A. Hjortaas. . . . .	1909 - 1911
C. L. Jothén. . . . .	1911 - 1915
C. Hoverstein. . . . .	1916 - 1923
O. K. Blomlie. . . . .	1923 - 1926
N. Bjelde. . . . .	1926 - 1936
C. Hoverstein. . . . .	1936 - 1939
A. M. Vinge. . . . .	1939 - 1943
G. Ostrem. . . . .	1944 - 1948
S. R. Johnson. . . . .	1948 - 1951
O. H. Haugen. . . . .	1951 - 1960
S. Bue. . . . .	1961 - 1964
G. Ostrem (Interim Pastor). . . . .	1965 - 1966
A. Dahlen. . . . .	1966 - 1967
O. Lokken. . . . .	1968 -



# Bardo

## Seventy-Fifth Anniversary

### Program

Theme – “Forward with Christ” – Matthew 28: 19-20

– FRIDAY, JULY 24 –

7:30 P.M.

Opening Hymn. . . . . All Hail the Power of Jesus Name, No. 426  
Greetings. . . . . Lester Severson  
President of Bardo Congregation  
Solo. . . . . Laurel Erickson  
Message. . . . . Pastor O. H. Haugen  
“Looking Back to Praise Him”  
Quartet. . . Leif and Evelyn Foshaug, Thelma Erickson and Leroy Finseth  
Message. . . . . Pastor Gordon Hendrickson  
“Looking Ahead – Trusting in His Promises”  
Hymn. . . . . Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah, No. 520  
Refreshments and Fellowship Hour in the Basement After Service

– SATURDAY, JULY 25 –

7:30 P.M.

Faye Anderson Presiding

Sing Song  
Opening Hymn. . . . . All Hail the Power of Jesus Name, No. 426  
Devotion. . . . . Glenda Mosby  
Song. . . . . Luther League  
Message. . . . . Pastor S. Bue  
“Moving Forward in God’s Strength”  
Double Duet  
Closing Hymn. . . . . No. 195



- SUNDAY MORNING, JULY 26 -

10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude.....Mrs. Bernice Heiberg

Opening Prayer

Hymn No. 426. ....All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

Old Testament Reading -

The Epistle, Gospel and Confession. ....Pastor O. Lokken

Music. ....by The Sunday School

Announcements

Music. ....Sextet

Message. ....Pastor Larry Reyelts, Saskatoon  
"Looking Around and Serving Him"

Closing Hymn. ....Lead on O King Eternal, No. 550

- SUNDAY AFTERNOON, JULY 26 -

2:00 P.M.

President Lester Severson Presiding

Organ Prelude

Hymn No. 426. ....The Anniversary Hymn

Devotion

Welcome and Remarks

Choir - In This Place. ....Directed by Mrs. Gladys Severson

Greetings

Duet. ....Bernice Heiberg and Leroy Finseth

Message. ....Pastor A. Vinge  
"Looking Up in Expectation"

Hymn No. 516. ....Faith of Our Fathers

# CONFIRMANTS OF THE BARDØ LUTHERAN CONGREGATION

1897

Iver Finseth  
Anton Jevning  
Ragna Jevning Steen

1901

Gunnar Brocke  
Johan Johannesen  
Peder Johannesen  
Peder Haugen  
Marie Lerbekmo Boness

1902

Henry Simonson

1903

Alma Finseth Foshaug  
Ingrid Haugen Ness  
Hilmar Johnson  
Henry Lee  
George Hagen  
Olof Lee  
Thorvald Brocke  
Oscar Simonson  
*Matnilda Oslund Branes*

1904

Martha Solberg Hillerud  
Torine Flotrie  
Inga Anderson Johnson  
Alma Eide Nash  
Maret Haugen Horte  
Delia Bartness  
Carrie Foss Kretney  
Roy Foss  
Richard Foss  
Ingvald Larsen  
Peter Lerbekmo  
Peter Lyslo  
Bennie Anderson  
Robert Flotrie

1906

Ella Solberg Skiles  
Marie Haugen Qualley  
Martha Anderson  
Nette Anderson Moen  
Alma Johnson Vekved  
Amanda Johnson Haugen  
Ida Oslund Oslund  
Jennie Larbekmo Haakstad  
Theresa Nord Findly  
Mary Eggen Johnson  
Helga Foss  
Palmer Anderson  
Einar Moen  
Oscar Oslund  
Charles Hill  
Lauritz Eide  
Bennie Finseth  
Torfin Brocke

1909

Adelia Rorem Anderson  
Karen Eggen Kvern  
Harold Johnson  
Martin Hagen  
Selmer Johnson

1910

Nelius Ronning  
Chester Ronning  
Clarence Rude  
Norman Jevning  
Albin Hoflin  
Harry Horte  
Inga Horte Ronning  
Nora Rorem Olson  
Clara Jensen Flotten

1911

John G. Johnson  
Emil Rude  
Nora Rude Anderson  
Hildur Eggen Rude  
Monrad Finseth  
Olof Anderson  
Petra Lerbekmo Stauffer  
Iver Moen  
Olof Hagen  
Helga Forseth Sandboe  
Inga Johnson Haugland  
Astrid Johnson Thorsen  
Oscar Anderson  
Clara Eide Jevning

1913

Agnes Jensen Haukehal

1914

Ingolf Moen  
Edward Haakstad  
Louis Andrew Hoflin  
John Hoflin  
Magda Anderson Hendrickson  
Gertrude Lerbekmo Yoder  
Karen Viken  
Borghild Moen Rolfstad  
Christine Hoflin Mattson  
Parnell Jevning

1917

Signe Olson Neraasen  
Hannah Jensen Sand  
Ruby Rorem Helvig  
Linda Berg  
Olfred Eggen Moen  
Peder Eggen  
Alice Rude Finseth  
Jensine Viken Caufield  
Rudolph Johnson



1919

Berhnard Anderson  
Inger Brocke Lagergren  
Julia Hvidding  
Berger Erling Hvidding  
Nita Hansen Kindley  
Minnie Johnson Sorgaard  
Mabel Moen Shrewsbury

1920

Gudrun Ness Ronning  
Dora Boness Bruce  
Myrtle Rude Bjornson  
Emma Anderson Eide  
Sigrid Eggen Johnson  
Edward Steen

1921

Julius Lerbekmo  
Anna Jevning Woloschuck  
Betsy Ness Scott  
Carrie Brekken Moore  
Malford Boness Erga  
Inga Johnson Vague  
Alice Simonson  
Borghild Foshaug Rude

1922

Rueben Eide  
Gunhild Moen Hendrickson  
Alice Simonson Sitler  
Mabel Jevning Falkeid  
Selma Nomeland Lerbekmo  
Olive Nomeland Sutton  
Alma Howe  
Alma Johnson Nelson  
Myrtle Johnson

1924

Selma Simonson Cinnamon  
Margot Ness Williams  
Ingvald Ness  
Alvin Steen  
Ingolf Brekken

1928

Irene Rude Strand  
Mabel Foshaug Johnson  
Ivan Foshaug  
Thelma Moen Mackie  
Esther Ness Brekken  
Arthur Haugen  
Arthur Moen  
Inge Johanson  
Wilfred Simonson  
William Simonson  
Olive Olson  
Trueman Jacobson

1930

Leif Foshaug  
Alice Haugen Stokkan  
Minnie Simonson Olsenberg  
Delia Simonson Swanson  
Bernice Anderson Johnson  
Juliet Jevning Shupac  
Margaret Moen Knowles

1932

Bennie Moen  
Merlin Foshaug  
Edna Steen  
Agnes Johanson Burt  
Gladys Ness Severson

1934

George Foshaug  
Milton Jevning  
Harold Simonson  
Olive Johanson Gustavson  
Catherine Johanson Smith  
Lorraine Moen Berg

1937

Philip Anderson  
Malcolm Finseth  
Robert (Bud) Steen  
Talbert Foshaug  
Mary Johanson Fowler  
Gladys Johanson Potter

1938

Clifford Anderson  
Gordon Hendrickson  
Olof Haugen  
John Lerbekmo

1940

Eldon Moen  
Mavis Jacobson Jacobsen  
Corrine Haukedal Innis  
Wyonne Rude Widden  
Muriel Finseth Monsen  
Marie Haugen Runka  
Andy Heiberg  
Earl Kindley

1943

Rebecca Eide Strilchuk  
Doris Hendrickson Anderson  
Ila Moen Thomas  
Marie Heiberg Dawson  
Eystein Heiberg  
Leroy Finseth  
Charles Rude

1945

Carmen Rude Klein  
Iris Bjornson Francis  
Eula Haukedal Regehr  
Norma Kindley Fischer  
Olof Erickson  
Bjarne Erickson  
Allen Anderson

1947

Doreen Moen Paul  
Lawrence Anderson  
James Hendrickson

1948

Alma Marie Rude Nelson  
Margaret Moen Nichols  
Barbara Finseth Lyseng  
Mary Hendrickson  
Eugene Rude  
Glenn Sitler

1931  
Alice Ness Dani

1951

Dennis Krogen  
Lars Rude  
Dale Rude

1953

Hazel Moen Stolee  
Joyce Hendrickson  
Joanne Finseth Hansen  
Lawrence Rude  
Maureen Foshaug Wessner  
Gail Sitler Look  
James Johnson  
Marlene Stokkan Hunter  
Arlene Stokkan Rude

1955

Elizebeth Rude Brooks  
Brenda Muir Pearson  
Jackie Johanson  
Larry Foshaug  
Myrna Simonson Magneson  
Bertha Johnson Ramstad

1956

Leonard Stauffer  
Evelyne Stauffer  
Harold Kindley  
Audrey Kindley  
Myrtle Finseth  
Arlene Moen

1957

Diane Foshaug Krogen  
Louisa Vikner Undin  
Merlin Rude

1958

Caroline Foshaug  
Patricia Severson Litwin

1959

Harold Sitler  
Richard Foshaug  
Sharon Cinnamon Sirois

1961

Glen Reil

1962

Robert Foshaug  
Linda Erickson Schmidt  
Walter Johnson  
David Severson  
Donald Litwin

1964

Ronald Foshaug  
Kenneth Stauffer  
Gwendolyne Foshaug  
Barry Mosby

1967

Eleanor Jacobson  
Beatrice Mosby  
Joanne Rude  
Betty Ann Sitler  
Phyllis Foshaug  
Lyle Heiberg  
Donna Mosby

1968

Douglas Finseth  
Faye Anderson  
Marjorie Mahowich  
Stanley Schacher  
Elizabeth Schacher

1969

Glenda Mosby  
Sandra Anderson  
Lorraine Korobko

1970

Mrs. George Lust  
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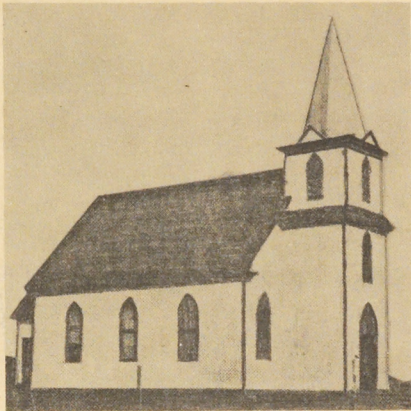
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**The  
First  
Church**  
Built 1908,  
burned down 1921.



**Pastor and Mrs. Oscar Lokken and Family**



**The Second Church - Built 1922, burned down 1965.**